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To Whom It May Concern:

I am extremely concerned after hearing that the FDA plans to remove all current labeling requirements for irradiated food. Irradiation has been approved for essentially all foods. Without labeling, there will be no way to know if food has been irradiated.

The labeling requirement has been the sole impediment to widespread use of irradiation. It is really just a quick and temporary fix for poor slaughterhouse sanitation, and a way of disposing of nuclear wastes by selling them to private industry and leaving the taxpayers to fund the inevitable clean-up costs.

Please do not impose irradiation on people who do not want it. I demand prominent labeling of foods, the use of the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated" and the use of the radura symbol instead of alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization."

Sincerely,

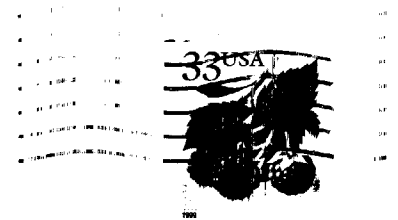


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